

I mention this one instance to show why it is necessary to permit the company, or its associate, to develop an industry which someone might challenge as being outside the terms of the agreement. That is the only reason which was in my mind when these words were included.

We would find ourselves in a ridiculous situation if we had a plant and a company prepared to proceed if it could not proceed and add another industry through the extraction of an existing mineral.

Schedule put and passed.

Title put and passed.

Report

Bill reported, without amendment, and the report adopted.

House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Legislative Council

Tuesday, the 5th September, 1967

The PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

Acknowledgement of Presentation to Governor

THE PRESIDENT: I desire to announce that, accompanied by several members, I waited on His Excellency the Governor and presented the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Speech, agreed to by the House. His Excellency has been pleased to make the following reply:—

Mr. President and honourable members of the Legislative Council: I thank you for your expression of loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, and for your Address-in-Reply to the Speech with which I opened Parliament.

CONDOLENCE

The Late Hon. A. R. Jones, M.L.C.: Motion

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (North Metropolitan—Minister for Mines) [4.34 p.m.]: I move, without notice—

That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of The Hon. Arthur Raymond Jones, a former member for the West Province and Deputy Chairman of Committees in the Legislative Council of Western Australia, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.

It is with sincere and profound regret that I find it necessary to move this motion. Ray Jones, as he was well known, was born on the 13th January, 1909. He was

a likeable man in his personality. At his death he was only 58 years old—too early these days to die.

He farmed in the Miling district from its early days, and it was from there he joined the R.A.A.F. as a transport fitter on the 10th March, 1942, at the age of 33. He left the Air Force on the 30th January, 1945. He was keenly interested in local government activities, and at one time was a member of the Moora Road Board.

Ray Jones was a member of the Legislative Council from May, 1950, a period of 17 years. He became the new member for the Midland Province, and succeeded The Hon. H. A. C. Daffen, M.L.C., a former member of the Central Province. The name of the province was changed to the Midland Province as from the biennial election of 1950.

The late honourable member, Mr. President, was a Deputy Chairman of Committees and he performed that duty well and impartially. He was also a member of the House Committee. In addition, he was Senior Vice President of the Country and Democratic League; and he was Secretary of the Miling and District Pasture Improvement Group—the first organisation of its kind, I understand, in this State.

Ray Jones made a considerable contribution to agriculture and he brought to this House a wide knowledge, and experience, of our most important primary industries. He was always outspoken in matters affecting agriculture, and in representing his province and constituents. He was actively interested in a variety of sporting pastimes such as cricket, football, golf, tennis, fishing, and bowls.

We have known our late member to have been very sick for some considerable time but he always showed great spirit and endurance. Invariably he was optimistic of rejoining his colleagues in this Chamber. Unfortunately, this was not to be.

Predeceased by his wife, Ray Jones passed away leaving two daughters, Margaret and Janet, to mourn their loss. With them we mourn his death and we extend our very deep sympathy to them in their time of great sadness. We shall miss him very much.

THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE (North-East Metropolitan—Leader of the Opposition) [4.38 p.m.]: I second the motion moved by the Leader of the House, which motion has been occasioned by the death of an associate and colleague of very high standing in the person of the late Ray Jones. Ray Jones has kept an appointment which time, inevitably, has in store for all of us. It has been sad for us in this Chamber, who knew him so well, to know that he suffered for so long but courageously before he died. It is dreadful to be so ill for such a long time, but the

late honourable member endeavoured to overcome that circumstance by sheer courage and willpower. The late member had these qualities in abundance, and if they, in themselves, could have kept Ray Jones in this Chamber, I am sure he would still be with us.

Ray Jones had a very likeable personality, and he had an adaptability peculiar only to himself. He could create a friendship quickly, not only among his political friends, but also among his political opponents. He showed this ability within his electorate.

In his political life he chose the cause of the Country Party of this State, and he gave that party loyal and efficient service over a great number of years. After 17 years in this Chamber that service has now terminated.

In all avenues of his private life he was a most capable and efficient person, and he had that indefinable quality which some people seem to possess; it is as a result of this quality that success comes to those people. It is a great pity that we are called upon to move and to speak to motions of this kind. Because of our close association in this Chamber over the years we develop a very high regard for each other, and frequently we are not conscious of this fact until we are faced with an occasion such as this.

Parliament has lost a great advocate; and we, as members of this Chamber, will miss a colleague who has endeared himself to us. The members of my party will miss a most respected opponent. To his relatives go our deepest sympathy, and I refer particularly to the two surviving daughters of our late colleague. I join with the Leader of the House on this solemn occasion and offer, on behalf of my colleagues, our condolence at the death of the late Arthur Raymond Jones, M.L.C.

THE HON. L. A. LOGAN (Upper West—Minister for Local Government) [4.43 p.m.]: Having been a colleague of the late Ray Jones since 1950 I would like to support the motion moved by the Leader of the House. When one works with another member for 16 years in the same province; when one travels with that same member; and when one also works and travels interstate with that same member, as the late Ray Jones and I did, over a long period of years, one can appreciate that person's worth. We travelled together not only for sport but also for affairs of State, and I can appreciate the type of man that Ray Jones was.

I was one of those who helped him win his first election in 1950. Those who have been closely associated with Ray Jones, and know his background, and his early life, appreciate the difficulties he had to overcome. Nothing ever came easy to him but he was prepared to work. He started off helping his father in a butcher's shop

at Pithara, and he was engaged in many vocations before he became a successful farmer. It is ironical that after a man has fought adversity, and has eventually reached economic stability, he is called upon to face another far more dangerous foe. Those of us who knew what Ray was going through in the last 12 to 18 months appreciated the fight he was putting up in his efforts to overcome his dreadful misfortune.

Members know of his suffering, but I think the Country Party members, because we were with him so much more, know the full story and we can appreciate the fight he put up over these last few months.

Having been successful with a farming property in Milng he was not satisfied with that; he bought a property on the York Road, but the Water Supply Department decided that it wanted to use the land and eventually bought the property from him. Still not satisfied, he decided to buy another virgin block on the Great Northern Highway and he developed that property. Those members who have seen it, and who have seen what has taken place there over the past few years will appreciate that it was a credit to the late Ray Jones.

Having known his late wife, and his two daughters, since 1950, I can appreciate how much of a family man he was and I know I have lost a true friend. With the rest of the members of this Chamber I mourn his passing and I join with the Leader of the House in his motion of condolence on the death of our late honourable member. The two daughters have certainly suffered over the last six to eight months as they lost first their mother and now their father. I wish to express my deepest regret on the passing of my colleague and I convey to his two daughters my deepest sympathy.

THE HON. C. R. ABBEY (West) [4.47 p.m.]: I rise to join with the previous speakers in expressing my deep regret at the passing of the late Arthur Raymond Jones. For the last two years the late Ray Jones and I have been co-members for the West Province—that is, since the boundary changes for the Legislative Council took place—and I found Ray to be a very co-operative co-member. Despite his disability he was always cheerful, and perhaps this could be an example for all of us should we ever be placed in a similar position.

Even before Ray and I became co-members for the West Province I always found him to be a cheerful type of person. On many occasions we were in the same parties, whether on affairs of State or at social functions. Even though some years ago the late honourable member suffered from certain other disabilities he never let it affect his cheerfulness, and it makes one realise that we all have something to gain when we study the attitudes of other people. I feel I am a better man for having known the late Ray Jones.

In his contributions in this House he was always forthright and this is something we can all admire. While we may not always agree with the point of view expressed we can all admire a man for his forthrightness. His death will bring about a change in the province we represent, and it is sad to consider that he intended to retire next year in any case. It would have been rather nice had he been able to enjoy some relaxation in retirement; because I am sure he was one who would have been able to find many avenues through which he would have been able to relax but still make some further contribution to the welfare of the community.

It is with a great deal of regret that I join the Leader of the House in regard to this motion. We, as his colleagues in this Chamber, have lost a friend.

Knowing that this could happen to any one of us, it might be to our advantage to consider the position seriously and not continue longer than is absolutely necessary in the service of our country; because, after all, our families do have some place in our lives. It might be as well, therefore, for us to appreciate this fact and retire at a reasonable age. I join with previous members in paying tribute to the late Ray Jones.

THE HON. N. E. BAXTER (Central) [4.51 p.m.]: As one who was a party colleague of the late Ray Jones, and who was elected to this Chamber in the same year—1950—together with Mr. Jack Thomson and Mr. Strickland, I join with the Leader of the House in the motion he has moved.

Ray Jones was not merely a colleague of mine; he was also a very good friend. Like other members of our party, I knew Ray and his wife and family very well indeed. It was with great regret that I read of his passing. Other members have said all that can be said on this sad occasion, and I endorse their remarks completely.

When one looks back to 1950, and then looks around the Chamber today, it is strange to find there are only seven of us left who were elected that year. There is always a close tie between the older members of the Chamber; and it is with very much regret that I associate myself with the motion before the Chair. I am sure we all know that we have lost a colleague and a very sincere friend.

THE HON. N. McNEILL (Lower West) [4.53 p.m.]: It is with great regret that I associate myself with this motion in connection with the passing of the late Ray Jones. My association with Ray began about 40 years ago where, in Pithara, his family and mine were neighbours. I therefore had the opportunity, and the privilege—as one appreciates it now—of knowing Ray as a very robust, healthy, strong young man; as a great sportsman; and as one

who gave a great deal to the local community, even in his boyhood days.

I recollect him well in those years; and it has always been of some pleasure to me that he, too, always recalled, with some affection, his boyhood associations in those districts. Ray was raised in what were very turbulent times, in a district which has probably produced an above-average number of people who have occupied prominent places in the service of the State, and of the country. It is not surprising, therefore, having been raised in such an atmosphere, that he too should make such a great contribution to the State.

In associating myself with the motion, I also extend very great and personal condolences to his bereaved family and relatives; and though it may be small consolation to them, they may rest assured that, from his early beginnings, with his public service to this great country, Ray made an earnest contribution not only to the welfare of Western Australia, but also to the communities in which he lived. It is with regret, therefore, that I associate myself with the motion before the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) [4.55 p.m.]: I, too, would like to take this opportunity to associate myself with the motion that has been moved. I have known The Hon. A. R. Jones for several years. He came here as a man representing the rural dwellers, and he earnestly and sincerely discharged his duties to his electors.

Ray Jones was not a man who would agree to a set policy for the sake of convenience. He always placed the interests of his constituents first; and I feel sure we will all remember him in that light.

To his daughters, and to the rest of his family, I extend my deep sympathy, and trust that the passing of time will help them in their hours of sadness and in their loss.

Question passed, members standing.

House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.

Legislative Assembly

Tuesday, the 5th September, 1967

The **SPEAKER** (Mr. Hearman) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTIONS (15): ON NOTICE

PAYNES FIND SCHOOL

Teacher's Quarters

1. Mr. JAMIESON asked the Premier:

In view of the doubtful future of the school at Paynes Find, what motivated the approval for erection of teacher's accommodation at this centre when heavy demand exists for such accommodation in more stable centres?